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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the communication dated January 18, 2002 (copy enclosed), Applicant submits herewith a Sequence Listing in computer readable form as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.824. In addition, Applicant submit a substitute Sequence Listing as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.823(a) and a statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.821(f).

Applicants respectfully request entry of the paper copy and computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing filed herewith for the instant application. Furthermore, Applicant requests entry of the following amendments:

In the specification:

Insert the paper copy of the Sequence Listing filed herewith following the Oath/Declaration.

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